

REMARKS

Claims in the case are 1-4 and 6-18, upon entry of this amendment. Claims 1, 3, 9, and 10 have been amended, no claims have been added, and Claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice herein.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to include portion of the subject matter of Claim 5. Accordingly, Claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice herein. Claim 1 has been further amended herein so as to recite the formation of a plurality of fields arranged in a matrix pattern, in which the plurality of fields are separated from one another by spaces. Basis for this further amendment to Claim 1 is provided by the last full paragraph on page 8 of the specification, and correspondingly paragraph [0029] of the related United States Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0105111 A1, and Figures 3-7 of the present patent application. The amendments to Claim 1 are not deemed to represent the entry of new matter into the case.

Applicant notes with appreciation the withdrawal of the previous restriction requirement and related election requirement, as stated on page 2 of the present Office Action.

Claim 3 stands objected to with regard to the term "radially." Claim 3 has been amended herein to delete the term "radially" therefrom. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-6, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 3,618,754 (**Hoey**). This rejection is respectfully traversed with regard to the amendments herein and the following remarks.

Hoey discloses a method of producing tapes that involves coating (i.e., totally coating) a fabric of the tape with a pressure sensitive adhesive. See column 2, lines 12-21 of Hoey.

Hoey provides no disclosure, teaching, or suggestion with regard to applying solutions to the surface area of a substrate so as to form, on the surface of the substrate, a plurality of fields arranged in a matrix pattern, in which the plurality of fields are separated from one another by spaces.

In light of the amendments herein and the preceding remarks, Applicant's claims are deemed to be unanticipated by and patentable over Hoey. Reconsideration and withdrawal of

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the present rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 2,286,569 (**Pollack**). This rejection is respectfully traversed with regard to the amendments herein and the following remarks.

Pollack discloses a method of forming light polarizing bodies that involves coating (i.e., totally coating) a surface of a transparent film with a coating composition that includes polarizing particles. See page 1, lines 4-26, and page 3, lines 52-62 of Pollack.

Pollack provides no disclosure, teaching, or suggestion with regard to applying solutions to the surface area of a substrate so as to form, on the surface of the substrate, a plurality of fields arranged in a matrix pattern, in which the plurality of fields are separated from one another by spaces.

In light of the amendments herein and the preceding remarks, Applicant's claims are deemed to be unanticipated by and patentable over Pollack. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the statement on page 4 of the Office Action regarding Claims 2 and 11-18 being allowed.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication on page 4 of the Office Action as to Claims 9 and 10 being allowable if rewritten in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9 and 10 have each been amended herein so as to be in independent form, and to include all of the limitations of Claim 1 (i.e., the only claim that each depends from). In light of the amendments herein and the preceding remarks, presently amended independent Claims 9 and 10 are deemed to be in condition for allowance.

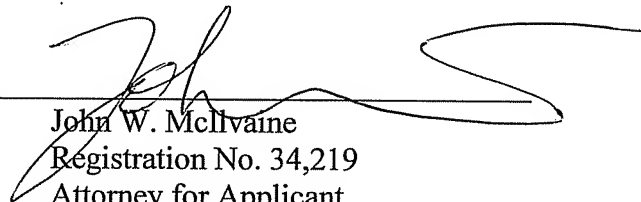
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CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments herein and the preceding remarks, Applicant's presently pending claims are deemed to define an invention that is unanticipated, unobvious, and hence, patentable. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all of the presently pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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